
















Rincon Mountain District (East)

Weekly Interpretive Program Descriptions



75th Anniversary Night Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile walk</i> <i>*Reservations Required</i>	Join Park Ranger Josh Boles for this 2 hour hike through the Sonoran Desert and explore the history and future of the saguaro cactus in Saguaro National Park. Bring water and a flashlight. Space is limited, so call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 to reserve your spot.
75 Years at Saguaro National Park: An Illustrated History  <i>45 minute slide presentation</i>	Join Park Ranger Laura Bolyard in the visitor center auditorium for a trip down memory lane as Saguaro National Park prepares to celebrate its 75 th anniversary. This presentation, which includes many historic photos, takes a look at the events that helped shape Saguaro National Park.
1933 to Today: Saguaro National Park <i>2 hour, 1 mile walk</i>	Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden for a walk back in time to learn how and why Saguaro National Park came to be.
A Taste of the Desert  <i>20 minute garden walk</i>	Join a naturalist for this short stroll in the cactus garden and explore the many uses of native desert plants, some of which are quite tasty!
Desert Adaptations  <i>20-30 minute garden walk</i>	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
Desert Bird Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	Bring your binoculars and favorite field guide as we search for birds in the Sonoran Desert.
Desert Discovery Hike <i>2 hour, 2 mile guided hike</i>	Join a park naturalist on a hike into Saguaro National Park and discover the beauty of the Sonoran Desert. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring water, and a trail snack.
Desert Morning Hike <i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring water, and a trail snack.
Here Come The Hummers  <i>1 hour slide presentation</i>	Join park naturalist Neil Travis to learn about the hummingbirds found in the Sonoran Desert – those who live here year-round and those who will be migrating into this area soon.
Home Sweet Hole <i>2 hour, 1.5 mile guided hike</i>	Join park naturalists on an expedition to locate and identify various desert homes found in Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes, bring water, and a trail snack.
Little House on the Desert <i>1 mile, 2 hour walk</i>	Join “Viola Freeman” on a one-mile, two-hour walk and find out what life was like here 75 years ago. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Advance registration is recommended and can be made by calling 733-5153.
Out Of The Freezer  <i>1 hour slide presentation</i>	Join Park Naturalist Joseph Giddens, to learn more about the mammals that called Southern Arizona home over 10,000 years ago during the last Ice Age. And to learn about those mammals that have stayed around, out of the freezer and into the desert.
Pepe Le Pew and Other Lovers of Saguaro National Park  <i>45 minute slide presentation</i>	If you’ve ever wondered where animal babies come from, join Park Ranger Josh Boles for this special program on animal reproduction in the desert.
Prehistoric People in the Sonoran Desert 	Stop by the display table on the patio for an informal exploration into the prehistory of this area. Learn who lived here over 1,000

<i>informal patio talk</i>	years ago and what they used for food, clothing, and shelter.
Ridge Line Hike <i>3.5 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>	Join Park Ranger Josh Boles on this hike that exposes you to the many forms of life above the desert floor. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, dress for the weather, bring plenty of water, and a trail snack.
Rincon Foothills Hike <i>4-6 hour, 7 mile guided walk</i> <i>** Hike will meet at the Douglas Spring Trailhead</i>	This strenuous half-day hike, led by Park Ranger Curt Treichel, will cover many of the trails that wind their way through the Rincon Foothills Wilderness. (Routes vary weekly) Wear sturdy hiking boots and dress for the weather. Bring a trail lunch and plenty of water.
Star Party <i>2 hours, a slide program followed by star gazing</i> 	Join a park naturalist for an introduction to some of the issues surrounding the preservation of the night sky, then join us for star gazing. Telescopes and binoculars will be provided. Dress for the weather. Advance registration is recommended and can be made by calling 733-5153.
Strange Plants <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join Park Ranger Josh Boles for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.
Sunset Hike <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided hike</i>	Sonoran Desert sunsets are famous for their blazing colors. Join Park Ranger Curt Treichel for this short hike up the Tanque Verde Ridge trail to view a beautiful Arizona sunset.
Sunset/Moonrise Hike <i>7 hour, 7 mile guided hike</i> <i>*Reservations Required</i>	This strenuous hike climbs 1,100 feet in elevation into the Rincon Mountains for views of a desert sunset and a descent under the full moon. Wear sturdy hiking boots and dress for the weather. Bring a trail dinner, plenty of water, and a flashlight. Space is limited, so call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 to reserve your spot.
Table Talks on the Desert <i>informal table talk</i> 	Join a park naturalist Jane Boren as she covers a display table with all things Saguaro. This informal interactive program will allow audience members to see, smell, touch, and in some cases taste all that the Sonoran Desert has to offer.
The Meaning of Wilderness <i>1 hour slide presentation</i> 	Saguaro National Park is more than just a desert park. For inside the park’s boundaries there lies tens of thousands of acres of designated wilderness. Join park ranger Josh Boles as he shares images, stories, and reflections from his trips into the rarely visited wilderness of Saguaro.
To Saguaro: Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow <i>2 hour, 2 mile guided walk</i>	Saguaro National Park was set aside in order to protect and preserve the Saguaro cactus. Join Park Ranger Curt Treichel on this guided hike to learn about the many challenges that have affected those preservations efforts.
The Saguaro Cactus <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	Join Park Ranger Curt Treichel to learn about how a saguaro cactus survives the harsh desert environment and how it responds to both natural and man-made challenges.
To Conserve the Scenery <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	National Parks are set aside for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, our parks and the resource in them are being threatened by outside forces. Join Park Ranger Josh Boles for a one mile walk and discover what’s being done to “Save the Scenery”.
Weather Watch NPS <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	Join Park Ranger Josh Boles to learn how weather affects the plants and animals of Saguaro National Park.

Schedule subject to change, please call the visitor center for updates
Visitor Center Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily

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